Budget 2001-02 for establishment of Apparel Parks for export of garments . Besides a provision of Rs. 15 crores has been made for the Scheme for improvement of critical infrastructure facilities at major textile production centres.

Maintaining 90 per cent compulsory jute packing for foodgrains and sugar

1186. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to maintain 90 per cent compulsory jute packing for foodgrains and sugar for the jute year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the reasons for not notifying the same within a week's time from the date of decision as being the general practice; and

(c) whether Government have taken any action against the officials responsible for the non-issuance of Notification within Seven days period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) No, Sir. The Government decided to continue with the reservation for foodgrains at 90%, sugar at 90% and urea at 15% under the Jute Packaging materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 till 31st October 2000 or until further orders whichever is earlier.

(b) Does not arise; the orders were notified within the prescribed time.

(c) Does not arise.

Step taken to cut cost and change product mix in Textile Industry

1187. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem appearing in the Economic Times dated 6th August, 2001 under the heading "textile units in a crisis";

(b) if so, whether it has been reported that textile industry should